



New Claims 1, 25 and 26

1. Method for applying advertising media to bottles encompassing the following method steps:
  - continuous conveyance of caps (1) or sealing parts for bottles to pre-specified target positions;
  - application of the labels (13) constituting advertising media to said caps (1) or sealing parts in the target positions;
  - subsequent sterilization of said caps (1) or sealing parts with said applied labels (13) **by means of ultraviolet radiation whereas said caps (1) or sealing parts have to be in a position that their surface can be irradiated with ultraviolet radiation equably**
  
25. Apparatus for performing the method in accordance with any of claims 1-24, characterized by –
  - conveying means for transporting caps (1) applied to bottles to pre-specified target positions and by
  - at least one labeling machine (12) for applying labels (13) constituting the advertising media to the top sides of the caps (1) **situated in the target positions**
  - **at least one disinfecting unit (20) for the sterilization of said caps (1) or sealing parts with said applied labels (13) by means of ultraviolet radiation**
  - **mechanism to bring said caps (1) or sealing parts within the disinfecting unit (20) in such a position that their surface can be irradiated with ultraviolet radiation equably**
  - **whereby the at least one labeling machine (12) can be integrated into a bottle filling system as a modular unit**
  
26. Apparatus for performing the method in accordance with any of claims 1-25, characterized by
  - at least one separating unit for separating said caps (1) or sealing parts, conveying means for feeding said separated caps (1) or sealing parts into pre-specified target positions,
  - at least one labeling machine (12) for applying labels (13) constituting said advertising media to said caps (1) or sealing parts situated in said target positions,
  - at least one disinfecting unit (20) in which said caps (1) or sealing parts provided with said labels (13) are transported along pre-specified paths and subjected to UV radiation or disinfectants, and

- at least one supply container (22) to which said sterilized caps (1) or sealing parts can be fed via an air-tight connector (21) **for sterile storage**
- **mechanism to bring said caps (1) or sealing parts within the disinfecting unit (20) in such a position that their surface can be irradiated with ultraviolet radiation equably.**



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